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[Estuarine Habitat Workshop attendees final 03.02.12.docx](#)
[Estuarine Habitat Workshop agenda draft 02-23-12a.docx](#)
[Workshop groundrules 03-01-12.docx](#)
[Estuarine Habitat and the Low Salinity zone draft final modeling narrative 03.02.12.docx](#)

I'd rather not phrase this question like this. Does it matter whether folks think X2 is "the best available means..." ? The Board has already concluded they need to re-look at the WQCP; this effort is to help them do that. The second part is really what we need.

Is the State's existing X2 standard for springtime (FEB-JUN) the best available means for protecting fish populations in the Bay Delta? If not, how could this approach be improved by applying scientific research gained since 1995 and emerging modeling techniques?

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We made progress today refining our roster of speakers, so I took the liberty of revising Brock's agenda to reflect the new lineup.

The revised agenda adds Robin G. and Stephen Monismith and spares Bruce from carrying the load.

This also demonstrates that we're honoring a variety of technical perspectives and not drenching the audience with EPA's view.

That reminds me, Karen was not here when we tapped her to open the proceedings so we need to discuss what we'd like her to cover.

And Brock's note reminds me of two things:

(1) Are we going to assign individuals to specific groups? If so, we need Bruce's input ASAP.

(2) Let's discuss whether how to handle the existing chart of biological indicators and metrics. Should we send it out beforehand and solicit feedback?

Danke, Tim

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In terms of the workshop / workgroup process, I'd like to discuss how we divide the questions up among the groups. For example, are all the questions independent, or does it make sense to sequence a couple of them in a specific order. That will influence how we assign questions to groups and how we rotate the questions among groups for each workgroup session.

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Hi Everyone,

We have a meeting tomorrow at 9:30 am to discuss the upcoming Estuarine Habitat Workshop. The calendar invite I sent out secured our meeting for one hour but we may need to go into 1.5 hours. Let's try to move quickly in the meeting and keep it to one hour if possible. Karen, can you call folks from your office? Here are the numbers for Brock, Thomas, and myself. If anyone else is going to participate by phone, please give Karen your phone number. Agenda (it just looks long) and meeting materials are below/attached. Suggest items you think are missing.

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Agenda

Update to workshop agenda (see attached).

Number of presentations and amount of time for each one.

Identify presenters. (a) Stephen Monismith wrote to say that the Ocean Protection Council has funded Berkeley and Stanford to apply Oliver Fringer's 3D code SUNTANS to the Bay, and Delta Science are supporting the extension of SUNTANS into the Delta. I asked whether he thinks we should summarize the attributes of the SUNTANS model at the workshop, and whether he'd be willing to do so. (b) Robin G. wrote to say he was willing to give a brief presentation tentatively titled, "Perspectives on the Estuarine Gradient through Time," and I responded with enthusiasm and asked how much time he would need. (c) Mike MacWilliams -- is he available & willing? (d) Bruce or no Bruce?

When to send out updates to participants

Identify the primary message of each presentation (maybe through titles)

Identify the necessary components of each presentation (focus them on the questions we seek to answer at the workshop).

Identify number of slides (guideline not hard rule). In my opinion this helps us stay on time.

Date for draft presentations (propose 3/14/12 up for discussion)

Date for at least one practice presentation session (we can do this through EPA adobe connect for remote folks; don't worry I know how to set it up).

UnTRIM narrative -- done! Is there anything we need to do to it (convert to PDF, make a cover page, etc...) to make it a formally done document? See attached.

LSZ Summary of key findings -- Thomas to provide an update. Here are the dates we proposed at last meeting. 3/6/12 Draft; 3/13/12 Final Draft; need to send out by 3/20/12 at the latest.

Workshop ground rules -- do we need to discuss? Please read (this applies to me too) before tomorrow and be prepared to send or suggest any suggested edits. See attached.

Check-in on workshop process -- is everything set up to have the proposed process work? What do we need to do on Monday 3/26/12 or before the workshop starts to set up the architecture to support the process?

What items are we providing prior to the workshop?

Summary of Key Findings

UnTRIM Narrative

Agenda

Papers available at SFEI website

Should we provide announcement and pre-meeting materials on our website when they are ready?

Refreshments & lunch

Lunch Idea -- we can have a working lunch if supplied by on-site cafeteria. I can set this up where folks pay for their own but can choose what they want ahead of time.

Refreshments idea -- ? ideas ?? I think it is nice to supply water, coffee, tea, yummys. Don't know how to pay for it.

Other lunch ideas -- let everyone out of the building for some air, get the lunch they want, come back??

Identify meeting time and date for week of 3/19/12 (nothing on doodle worked).

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